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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/618,036

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING  
SYSTEM, INSTRUMENTATION, AND  
METHOD OF INSTALLATION

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Reip

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated August 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant affirms the election of the screw of Species 1, as shown in Fig. 24B. Claims 538-541, 543-546 and newly added claims 547-777 are readable thereon.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title to read (with changes shown in the Attachment) as follows:

—ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM AND BONE SCREW—.